# The Veterans Voice

# Fisher Cats, Floats, Fast Cars and Fenway

WOW! What a wonderful summer we have had at the New Hamp-

shire Veterans Home. Our summer full of outings got an early start in May with one of several trips to Manchester to watch Fisher Cats baseball. In honor of our veterans' attendance at a game on Memorial Day weekend, the Fisher Cats made a special announcement and featured our residents on the Jumbotron. Our veterans were incredibly moved when the entire stadium responded with a sponta-



New Hampshire Veterans Home residents and staff took home a blue ribbon in the "Most Creative Float" category. Residents and staff rode aboard a red, white and blue float that carried a large tree displaying each of the armed services on its branches and a yellow ribbon around its trunk.

neous standing ovation! We are grateful to the members of the Department of New Hampshire Veterans of Foreign Wars for their sponsorship of our trips to the Fisher Cats.

The summer excitement continued with our return to the Tilton-Northfield Old Home Day parade where we earned a blue ribbon in the most creative float category. Our sincere thanks to all of our resident riders - Harriet Hansen, Warren Wilson, Larry Seger, Roy Berry and David Clark and to the staff members of our float committee - Lisa Nile, Tracy Mertz, Teresa Jordan, Don Giguere, Carole Sibulkin, Jackie Sullivan, Kathy Brock, Tom Heald, Donna Lamprey, Michelle Young, Jon Bossey, Denise Corey, Ashley St. John and Maegan LaDuke. Special thanks to the Trailer Outlet of Tilton for donating the use of their trailer for our float.

In our quest to pick up the pace from parade route speed, we made our inaugural trip to the New Hampshire International Speedway on Friday, (Continued on page 2)

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July 14, 2006. Our trip to the track was made possible through the support of an anonymous donor. A total of twenty residents enjoyed the opportunity to watch the NASCAR Grand National Division, Busch East Series - New England 125 as well as the qualifying laps for the Nextel Cup Series. Our veterans are very grateful for the opportunity and will treasure the experience of watching their first race at Loudon.

We similarly value the experience of our Second Annual Trip to Fenway Park that took place on Sunday, August 13, 2006. Our journey began aboard a chartered bus complete with cushioned seats, lavatory and a wheelchair lift to help our veterans aboard.



New Hampshire Veterans Home residents enjoyed luxury seating at the New Hampshire International Speedway as they watched the NASCAR Grand National Division, Busch East Series New England 125 as well as the qualifying laps for the Nextel Cup Series.

A total of twenty residents and ten staff members made the trip to watch the Red Sox play the Baltimore Orioles in celebration of New Hampshire Day at Fenway Park. We enjoyed watching the Red Sox defeat the Orioles in exciting fashion 11-9. Before and during the game, we feasted on a variety of Fenway fare and marveled at the perfect weather that we enjoyed from morning until night.

NHVH Resident Jack Donnelly provided the best summary of the day's events when he remarked, "Nothing beats watching the game in person!"



Residents Robert Wolanek and Sam MacKenzie enjoy a recent Fisher Cats game with staff member Seth Wilson who was interning with the recreation department this summer.

The ride home was full of wonderful commentary about how much everyone enjoyed the experience especially those residents and staff who were making their first trip to Fenway Park.

We are grateful to the supporters of the NHVH Benefit Fund who made this trip possible. A special thank you to the Red Sox organization for their efforts in accommodating our requests with ticketing and parking.

For more photos of our summer activities, be sure to check out Faces and Places on pages 12 and 14. You can also visit the NHVH blog at www.nhvh.blogspot.com.

# **A Preview of Upcoming Events**

There are numerous opportunities for you to become involved as we honor our veterans, celebrate the holidays, and participate in recreational activities. The following dates are subject to change, so please call ahead if you plan to attend one of the following events or if you or your organization would like to become involved in sponsoring an event or outing. Family members are encouraged to check their monthly calendar of events for a more complete listing of activities.

#### **September**

Join us on **Sunday, September 10th** for our **Grandparents Day Carnival** complete with games, food, prizes and pony rides. All proceeds from the event will be contributed to the 2006 NH Alzheimer's Memory Walk. You can also support Alzheimer's research and programs by participating in the **Memory Walk on Sunday, September 24th at the New Hampshire Veterans Home.** Registration opens at 1:00 p.m. and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. For details call Tom Heald, Sandy Valtz or Anne Howe at 527-4400.

#### October

Our Annual Harvest Ball, featuring entertainment by Joe MacDonald, will take place on October 9th at 1:30 p.m. in the Tarr Dining Room. Don't miss the Halloween Parade on October 31st as residents and staff compete for prizes in a number of costume categories.

#### November

Join us for two ceremonies in honor of Veterans Day. On November 11th at 11:00 a.m., residents and staff will be in attendance at New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. On November 13th, NHVH will host its own Veterans Day ceremony for residents, staff, family, friends and members of the community beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Tarr Dining Room. The ceremony will be preceded by a coffee social at 10:00 a.m.

# **Welcome to Our Home**

The Board of Managers, Commandant Barry E. Conway, Resident Council Officers and fellow residents and staff members extend a warm welcome to our new Residents who joined us at the New Hampshire Veterans Home as of the dates indicated.

Charles LaPierre	4/10/06	Robert Kendall	5/18/06
John Maliawco	4/13/06	William Doherty	6/01/06
Kenneth Flanders	4/18/06	Robert Sirles	6/15/06
Everett Laramee	4/25/06	Frederick Bickerton	6/22/06
Pauline Abbott	5/02/06	Lloyd Fairbanks	6/27/06
Herbert Yopp	5/03/06	Kenneth Hill	6/28/06

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# Welcome to the New Hampshire Veterans Home

We extend a warm welcome to our new employees who have joined us during the period from April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

Employee Name	Position	Date of Hire
Tracey Mefford	Nursing Assistant II	4/14/06
Joel Cannon	Food Service Worker II	4/14/06
Angela Hodges	Laundry Worker II	4/14/06
Petula Bullock	Nursing Assistant III	4/14/06
Glenn Eastman	Laundry Worker I	4/21/06
Janine Wallace	RN II	4/26/06
Joshua Simonds	Food Service Worker II	4/28/06
Patricia Tobin	Nursing Assistant II	5/12/06
Kristen Berry	Social Worker I	5/12/06
Michele Barker	Secretary II	5/12/06
Darlene Krzcuik	Health Facility Cleaner II	5/26/06
Dawna LaFratta	Nursing Assistant II	5/26/06
Michelle Toepel	Nursing Assistant Trainee	5/26/06
Heather Smith	Food Service Worker II	5/26/06
Dorothy Prive	Nursing Assistant II	6/09/06
Debra Hardy	LPN	6/09/06
Allison Vezina	Nursing Assistant Trainee	6/09/06
Robin Cilley	Nursing Assistant II	6/09/06
Staci Matteson	Nursing Assistant I	6/09/06
Elizabeth Towle	Nursing Assistant Trainee	6/09/06
Ilana Cora	Nursing Assistant Trainee	6/09/06
Katherine Smith	Health Facility Cleaner II	6/09/06
Annie Burns	Nursing Assistant I	6/23/06
Donna Olsen	Nursing Assistant Trainee	6/23/06
Melissa Milione	Human Resources Administrator	6/23/06
Raymond Tobin	Food Service Worker II	6/23/06

Residents don't live in our facility; we work in their home.

# **New Hampshire Nursing Assistant Day**

Heather Sevigny, LNA II represented the New Hampshire Veterans Home at the Nursing Assistant Day celebration that was held recently at the State House in Concord. Heather was selected for the recognition because of her passionate commitment to ensuring high quality of life standards for the veterans in her care.

As a staff member of the Life Enhancement Dementia Unit ("LEDU"), Heather embraces the philosophy of promoting independence in an environment that provides a feeling of home by emphasizing individual successes and suspending pre-conceived social and institutional beliefs.

According to Jo-Ann Keller, Nurse Manager of LEDU - 1, Heather is resident focused and does not allow a list of tasks to interfere with her commitment to making each day special. If necessary, Heather adjusts her schedule to suit the needs of her residents.

"Heather represents the future of long term care", Keller said. "She is the type of person I hope will be taking care of me in my time of need."



Heather Sevigny, LNA II receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Margaret J. Walker, RN, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Board of Nursing. The presentation was part of the New Hampshire Nursing Assistant Day ceremony that was held recently in Concord.

# **Congratulations and Best Wishes**

Congratulations to our Employees who earned promotions during the period from April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

<b>Employee Name</b>	Position	Date of Promotion
Denise Andrus	Nursing Assistant II	4/05/06
Melissa Ivers	Nursing Assistant II	4/07/06
Warren Smith	Maintenance Mechanic II	5/05/06
Frank Gilbert	Auto Mechanic	5/08/06
Jason Trefrey	Maintenance Mechanic Foreman	5/26/06
Teresa Jordan	Nursing Assistant II	6/01/06

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### A Monument in Granite

This is the year two thousand six and today
Is the twenty ninth day in the month of May.
We celebrated Memorial Day this morning,
In memory of whom many have been mourning.

Before the beat of the drums and echo of the guns,
And the sweet, soft taps were blown for those sons,
Who gave of their all so that those they loved could be free,
To live out their lives in any way they wished it to be.



Members of the American Legion with the monument that the Department of New Hampshire recently erected at the New Hampshire Veterans Home.

A monument of shiny, beautiful black granite was unveiled,
Displayed with splendor its lettering wonderfully detailed.
Insignia of all branches of the services guarding each side,
As silently their presence lends credence and great pride.

All the lettering in clear, bright white, giving great gratitude,

To those near and far, and in whatever land and latitude,
For they are our brothers, comrades, friends . . . our buddies,

Whose names we shall never forget nor allow to be muddied.

Who can ever forget the courage of those brave, young, men
Who valiantly raised our flag for all as they prayed; amen.
That beautiful monument with our flag on the back in full colors true,
Reminds all hearts and minds of brave, faithful men, not just a few.

Such a monumental tribute to we who now call this home our residence,
Are thankful indeed for the love that surrounds us is in evidence,
As we live out our lives in the satisfying knowledge that someone does care,
And that here, the entire staff show their respect and love to share.

For years to come this magnificent monument will remain for all to see,
And as the men and women of generations to come will be
The recipients of the labors of those gone by to create this special place,
They too, will here find peace and tranquility, with ample space.

- Written by Charles R. Safford, NHVH Resident Council President and World War II Veteran on the occasion of the unveiling and dedication of the American Legion Monument that is located at the New Hampshire Veterans Home - May 30, 2006.

# Servicemen's Club - "Remember When" - October 28, 2006

The New Hampshire Veterans Home and the Belmont Rotary Club are pleased to welcome family, friends and members of the community to join them in a fundraising celebration in honor of those who have served and those who are currently serving in the armed forces. The first Servicemen's Club - "Remember When" event will take place on Saturday, October 28, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford, New Hampshire.



The event will feature a variety of musical entertainment, dancing, refreshments and historical displays. A cash bar will be available. Annie and the Orphans, one of New England's favorite rock and roll acts, will be headlining the entertainment. The evening will also feature performances by the Bean Hill Blue Grass Band and the Belmont High School Jazz Band as well as historical display items that will be showcased by members of the World War II Living History Association.

Tickets to the event are \$25.00 each and are available for sale in Tilton at the New Hampshire Veterans Home or through members of the Belmont Rotary Club. Proceeds from the event will be contributed to the New Hampshire Veterans Home Benefit Fund and to the Belmont Rotary Club charities. The New Hampshire Veterans Home Benefit Fund enhances the residents' quality of life through a variety of donor supported programs, activities and equipment. Members of the Belmont Rotary Club provide both financial and moral support to people of the community who are in need during times of crisis. Fundraising efforts have provided scholarship and summer

camp programs for local young people as well as support to local needy families during the holiday season. For additional information, call 527-4400 or visit www.nh.gov/veterans

A partnership celebration in honor of veterans

### **New Hampshire Veterans Home Board of Managers**

OR THOSE WHO SERV

Donald R. Caron, Chairman of the Board (Veterans of Foreign Wars)
Earlon Beale, (American Legion - Department Commander)
Denise DeBlois (Disabled American Veterans - Department Commander)
Daniel Greenlaw, (Veterans of Foreign Wars - Department Commander)
Sandra Jenkins, (American Legion Auxiliary)
Richard L. Murphy (Marine Corps League)
Junious Owens, Secretary of the Board (Disabled American Veterans)
Anthony J. Romano, Jr. (Marine Corps League)
Robert Wyman (American Legion)

Thank you for your dedicated support!

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# **Appreciation Day Celebrates Volunteers and Vetmobile**

On Saturday, July 8, 2006, we welcomed over 125 volunteers and supporters to a picnic under the pavilion to mark the 15th Annual Appreciation Day at the New Hampshire Veterans Home.

Supporters enjoyed a luncheon complete with hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and dessert while listening to music provided by entertainer Peter Ole. Commandant Barry Conway thanked all of the supporters for their dedicated efforts toward providing a high quality of life for the veterans who reside at our home.

The picnic concluded with an announcement that we have reached our goal of raising \$60,000 for the purchase of a new wheelchair van. We are truly grateful for the contributions that we have received from a number of organiza-

tions and individuals as well as for private foundation support.



New Hampshire Veterans Home resident Lawrence Draper enjoys lunch before game time during the recent trip to Fenway Park. Dr. Robert Pepper and his wife Star Pepper, Mr. Draper's son-in-law and daughter, made a significant contribution to "Project Vetmobile" in honor of their father's 85th birthday on July 8, 2006.

Welcome aboard and thank you for your generous support! The Vetmobile is on order and should be arriving this fall. We will be certain to let everyone know when we plan to take it for our first spin!



Volunteers and supporters of the New Hampshire Veterans Home were recognized for their efforts at a recent picnic under the home's pavilion. Pictured above from left are former Mayor of Manchester Emile Beaulieu, NHVH Board Member Denise DeBlois, NHVH Resident David Clark and NHVH Commandant Barry Conway.

#### **Project Vetmobile Supporters**

**Lionel LeBlanc** Dorothy Marcoux in memory of Col. Eli Marcoux Milton Women's Club **Thomas and Hope Murray** Star and Robert Pepper in honor of -**Lawrence Draper Lynne and Russ Ober** Military Officers Association of America - NH Chapter John and Helen Hoban George Gonyer **Bessy Jones** Arthur Goodearl in memory of -Robert F. Goodearl James and Phyllis Donovan Arthur Olsen Stella Scheckter Robert Madden in memory of -Gino Mattozzi

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#### Then and Now

In response to our request for story ideas and photos, Ward Flanders submitted the following photo and information about his brother Leon.

Mobile, Alabama - June 1945 - Seaman Leon B. Flanders, assigned to an "ammo dump" demonstrates the proper stance "in case this place blows up!"

Shortly afterward, Leon found himself aboard a brand new destroyer - the USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr.

Thankfully, the war in Japan ended before the new destroyer was scheduled to become involved in the invasion of Japan. Leon continued to serve in the Navy and in the reserves until 1956.

We are grateful for Leon's service to our country and appreciate the opportunity to share some photos from then and now.

Do you have a photo you would like to share? See page 10 for instructions on submitting story ideas and photos.



#### **Project Vetmobile Supporters** (Continued from page 8)

New Hampshire Veterans Association Auxiliary
Sons of the American Legion Squadron #7
American Legion Auxiliary Unit #103
Cogswell Benevolent Trust
Todd and Janet Trombley - in honor of Tarr North Unit Staff
American Legion Pingree-Moss-Chatigny - Post 32
Paul Walsh
Sons of the American Legion - Squadron #8
Roger Vaillancourt
Lewis Engineering, PLLC in memory of -

George Carter
Family of Lincoln Noel in honor of Lincoln Noel

Ronald & Mary-Jean Godbout in memory of -Bernard Tarrant

Mary Stimans in honor of-Harold H. "Bud" Stimans Edwin and Marilyn Ashby

Charles Kilborn American Legion Post #58 **Alan Carter in memory of George Carter Paul and Mary Lou Hunt** Eric Waterman in honor of Paul Walsh Linda and David Wozniak in memory of -**George Carter** Thomas Stephens in honor of Wes Dane American Legion District #7 Janet and Craig Conover in memory of -**George Carter USLST Association - NH Chapter** Georgianna and Earl Goodnough in memory of -**George Carter** VFW Post #5245 - Ladies Auxiliary Alfred and Linda Luedke James and Linda Graves in memory of -George Carter Michael and Cheryl Ebba

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# **In Loving Memory**

The New Hampshire Veterans Home extends its deepest condolences to the loved ones of the following Residents who recently passed away. We are grateful for their service to this country and for the time that they spent with the NHVH family. Their presence will be greatly missed.

Name	Joined NHVH	Departed
Eugene Dudley	8/23/00	4/09/06
Francis McCarthy	8/01/05	4/11/06
Joseph Coulombe	8/23/01	4/13/06
William O'Connell	3/05/98	5/17/06
George Carter	1/12/04	5/19/06
Oscar Auger	8/19/97	5/31/06
Gene Simpson	10/05/04	6/01/06
Herbert Moore	2/22/05	6/03/06
Guy Richardson	6/06/06	6/11/06
Frederick Silvestri	10/23/03	6/12/06
William Bradshaw	11/15/05	6/19/06
Arthur Roberts	9/07/04	6/23/06

# Send us your story ideas and photos

*The Veterans Voice* wants to hear your voice! We welcome suggestions on future content from Residents, family, friends and supporters.

Should you have a suggestion for a story or if you would like to submit a photo for publication, we would be happy to consider your ideas for an upcoming issue. Please forward your suggestions directly either by mail to Attn: Veterans Voice Editor, New Hampshire Veterans Home, 139 Winter Street, Tilton, NH 03276 or by e-mail to lisa-marie.mulkern@nhvh.nh.gov.

We are especially glad to receive photos depicting our Residents involved in activities at the home or taking part in a supporter-sponsored outing. If you are submitting a photo for publication, please include the date as well as a caption that identifies people from left to right.

We are also interested in hearing from family members who would like to feature their loved ones in a "Then and Now" column in future editions of the *The Veterans Voice*. If your loved one is a Resident at NHVH and you would like to share photos and stories of his or her past, please contact Lisa-Marie Mulkern at (603) 527-4400. We would love to speak with you, and we can scan original photos while you wait!

# **Memorials and Tributes**

New Hampshire Veterans Home Benefit Fund would like to acknowledge the Memorial and Tribute donations that were received between March 1, 2006 and June 30, 2006.

### In Memory of

All Veterans	David Belanger	George Carter
Charles Corriveau	Charles T. Craven	Randy Crossley
Eugene Dudley	Virginia England	John Erskine II
Morgan "Fitz" Fitzpatrick	Ruth Hawthorne	James Krieger
Barbara Lampi	Kenneth McWilliams	Francis Monahan
Herbert H. Moore	Roger Mulaire	Tom Murphy
Gladys Piper	James Richardson	Tracy Tarr
Bernard Tarrant	Donald Webber, Sr.	Joseph Wollen

#### In Honor of

Joseph Acton	Colleen Burns	Lincoln Noel
Ted Richard	Tarr North Unit Staff	Paul Walsh

Contributions to the NHVH Benefit Fund enrich the daily lives of our veterans through a variety of activities, entertainment, outings and equipment. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a family member or a friend, we will send a letter acknowledging your thoughtful contribution. We will also acknowledge your donation in *The Veterans Voice*.

Donations may be made payable to "NHVH Benefit Fund" and mailed to New Hampshire Veterans Home, Development Office, 139 Winter Street, Tilton, New Hampshire 03276, or you may complete and return the enclosed envelope. You may also donate online at our website www.nh.gov/veterans

Donors may include the New Hampshire Veterans Home Benefit Fund in their wills. You can make a gift of a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate or the residual of your estate. For additional information about planned giving opportunities, please contact the Development Office at 603-527-4400.

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### **Faces and Places**



NHVH Residents and staff attended the POW-MIA Freedom Ride and Vigil that is held annually in Meredith during Motorcycle Week. Pictured above from left are (seated) Lincoln Noel, David Clark and Roy Berry (standing) Phil Walton, Peggy Miller, Linda Tucci and Steve Thibeault.



Barbara Evans, RN and NHVH Resident Paul Walsh enjoy watching the Red Sox - Orioles game from the roof top of Fenway Park.



The procession of motorcycles makes its way to the Town Docks in Meredith during the POW-MIA Freedom Ride and Vigil. (Photo courtesy Phil Walton)

### Did you know?

You can purchase tickets to the first Servicemen's Club - "Remember When" event that is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2006. Tickets are available for \$25.00 each. Stop by the reception desk at the New Hampshire Veterans Home to purchase your ticket.

All proceeds will be contributed to the NHVH Benefit Fund and to the Belmont Rotary Club charities.

# Motorcycle Poker Run a Success in Spite of the Weather

Riders, residents and volunteers didn't let a little rain dampen their enthusiasm for the Third Annual Motorcycle Poker Run. A very uncooperative weather front forced us to move our annual event to our rain date of Sunday, June 11, 2006. Despite a very chilly yet thankfully dry day, we had over 120 people join us aboard 84 motorcycles for a scenic ride around Lake Winnipesaukee.

NHVH Resident David Clark was thrilled to be reunited with two fellow Vietnam veterans, Rick Swauger and Paul Mason, who along with Clark served in Quang Tri province in the late 1960s. Clark, who was wounded in action, recalled that Paul Mason had assisted him in obtaining medical attention on the day he was injured. The two had not seen each other since that day until their chance encounter at the NHVH Poker Run. Both Swauger and Mason are members of the US Marine Riders, a motorcycle group that has supported the NHVH Poker Run since its inception.



A participant at the Third Annual NHVH Motorcycle Poker Run wears a t-shirt that summarizes why he rides. (Photo courtesy Phil Walton)

We had several motorcycle riders and passengers who successfully obtained sponsors for their participation. Chuck Lewis and his passenger Linda Ackley were the highest fundraising riders with a total of \$473.00 contributed to the NHVH Benefit Fund. Arch Equipment and Truck, our Patriot Sponsor for the event, raised an additional \$295.00 in rider sponsorships on top of their generous contribution of \$1,000 as an event sponsor. Our sincere thanks to William Tracy of Arch Equipment and Truck for his continued support of our poker run. Adam St. Cyr of Lincoln raised a total of \$275.00, and Abe Dadian of Meredith collected a total of \$250.00. Such individual efforts enabled us to net a total of over \$4,000 in proceeds despite having less than perfect weather for the event

The poker run was truly a neighborhood success in that the winners of both the best and the worst hands reside here in Tilton. David Bickford won \$100 for turning in the worst hand of 8 high. Steve O'Leary, who has participated in the event every year since 2004, turned in the best hand. Steve's persistence paid off when he received \$500 for the best hand - a 10 high straight. In the spirit of giving, Steve insisted on sharing his good fortune and promptly donated \$100 of his prize back to the NHVH Benefit Fund.

We are grateful to the continued support of our sponsors, volunteers and event contributors. Special thanks to Arch Equipment and Truck, LLC; Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve; McClane Company; DOBLES Chevrolet-Buick-Hummer; Nam Knights Motorcycle Club; American Legion Auxiliary - Unit 32; Patriot Chemical and The Welch Rabbit. A special thanks to James Goss, Executive Director of the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve and to Arthur Brown, World War II veteran from Gilmanton for going above and beyond in providing volunteer assistance to the poker run planning team!

Mark your calendars for next year's event that will take place on Saturday, June 9, 2007! We are always in search of volunteers and sponsors. Please call or e-mail us if you would to help!

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### **More Faces and Places**



Residents and staff enjoyed the opportunity to watch the Red Sox defeat the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday, August 13, 2006 during New Hampshire Day at Fenway. Pictured from left are Phil Otis, Frank Zimmerman, Ryan Jones, Charlie Dayis and Dot O'Hara.



Donna Lamprey, housekeeping department supervisor, was one of several staff members who were recognized for their efforts in the prize winning float in the Tilton-Northfield Old Home Day Parade. Pictured at left above, Donna receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Anne Howe, Director of Resident Care Services.



Poker Run volunteers Rachel Mutney and Charielle McLaughlin were enthusiastic in their efforts at making certain that all of the motorcycle riders who raised at least \$100.00 in sponsorships received a free t-shirt for their support. (Photo courtesy Phil Walton).



On the way home from the parade, and thankfully not during it, our tree toppled! Staff member Don Giguere held onto the branches while staff members Lisa Nile, Tracy Mertz and Carole Sibulkin made certain that "the flag was still there." Surprisingly, no staff members laughed themselves off the trailer!

# **Holidays and Celebrations**



NHVH Staff members lead the way for our award winning float during the Tilton-Northfield Old Home Parade. Pictured from left are Tracy Mertz, Brenda Despins and Lisa Nile.



NHVH Resident David Clark was reunited with fellow Vietnam veterans Paul Mason (second from left) and Rick Swauger (far right), who served alongside Clark in Quang Tri province in the late 1960s. See story on page 13.



Miss New Hampshire - USA, Krystal Barry, was a surprise guest at our summer dance. After posing for several photographs, Miss New Hampshire also took a spin on the dance floor with NHVH Resident Edward Runis.

"Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional"

- Chili Davis

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Barry E. Conway, Commandant



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#### **About the Home**

The New Hampshire Veterans Home was established in Tilton in 1890 as the Soldier's Home for Civil War Veterans. Today, the modern facility is home to men and women who have served their country and fellow New Hampshire citizens in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. NHVH is the only long-term care facility in the Granite State that is dedicated exclusively to veterans.

As a professional health care provider, NHVH offers a full range of services including residential, medical/dental and nursing care as well as physical/occupational therapy, recreation, and dietetic and social services. Chapel services, exercise groups, arts and crafts, shopping trips, live entertainment and various community outings support residents'

quality of life. NHVH also offers inter-generational programs and animal-assisted recreational therapy. Dedicated staff members work in partnership with volunteers from surrounding communities and numerous service organizations to enrich our residents' lives.

In 2004, NHVH opened the 100-person Life Enhancement Dementia Unit that serves the needs of veterans who suffer from Alzheimer's and other related memory impairment disorders. The facility addition enables NHVH to provide comprehensive long-term care services to a total of 250 Residents.

Additional information is available online at our website: www.nh.gov/veterans